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In re U.S. Patent Application of

KOJIMA et al.

Application Number: 10/790,231

Filed: March 2, 2004

**For: METHOD FOR ISOLATING AND PURIFYING
NUCLEIC ACIDS**

Attorney Docket No. HITA.0519

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

COVER LETTER

Sir:

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Total Claims	20	20	(Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	8	8	5 (Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
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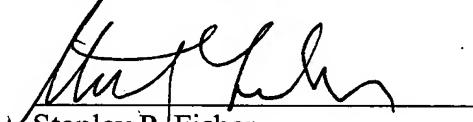
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows: